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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 as follows:

The first component of the composition of the invention is an aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion. Any aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion may be used in the composition of the invention. However, a particularly useful aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion is a sulfonated polyester polyurethane dispersion sold by Bayer under the tradename of DISPERCOLL U54, and has a solids content of about 50%. A useful alternative aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion is another sulfonated polyester polyurethane dispersion also sold by Bayer under the tradename of DISPERCOLL U53. Preferred amounts of the aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion generally range from about 5 to about 80 wt%, more preferably from about 15 to about 25 wt%, and even more preferably from about 17 to about 23 wt% of said admixture, all percentages based on the total weight of the composition.

At page 9, please amend the paragraph added by Preliminary Amendment between lines 12 and 13:

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The aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion is made from a polyester polymer and a diisocyanate compound. The polyester polymer portion of the aqueous polyester polyurethane is preferably made by condensing 1,4-butanediol or 1,2-ethanediol with adipic acid. The diisocyanate compound used in the aqueous polyester polyurethane dispersion is preferably a diisocyanate compound selected from the group consisting of hexamethylene diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate, and combinations thereof. Sulfonated derivatives of the polyester polyurethane may be made by utilizing sulfonated starting materials such as sulfonic acid, or sulfonating the condensation product using methods well known in the art.